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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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1-9   (Canceled).

10.   (Previously Presented)   A   system   for   providing   item   recommendations, comprising:

a memory;

a device, responsive to a user request, for recording an item on a hardcopy medium;

a processor, for storing ratings of items and for generating recommendations for new items based on recommendation criteria;

wherein, responsive to the user request, the processor stores an implicit rating for the requested item in the memory, determines whether, based on the implicit rating and the recommendation criteria, to generate an item recommendation, and if the criteria for generating a recommendation is met, generates a recommendation of a new item;

wherein the memory stores user profiles for users of the system, wherein each user profile includes a set of user preferences pertaining to items and wherein the processor, responsive to the user request, updates the user's profile with the implicit rating;

wherein the processor further stores a representation of the recorded item in memory and determines an item similarity for the recorded item ;

wherein the item similarity comprises an item to item similarity is determined by comparing the stored representation of the recorded item with the stored representations of other recorded items stored in the memory;

wherein the processor characterizes content of the recorded item using linguistic tools and wherein the processor determines the item to item similarity between two recorded

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items by calculating a sum of weights of keywords in common divided by a sum of weights of all keywords associated with the two recorded items.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Previously Presented) A system for providing item recommendations, comprising:

a memory;

a device, responsive to a user request, for recording an item on a hardcopy medium;

a processor, for storing ratings of items and for generating recommendations for new items based on recommendation criteria;

wherein, responsive to the user request, the processor stores an implicit rating for the requested item in the memory, determines whether, based on the implicit rating and the recommendation criteria, to generate an item recommendation, and if the criteria for generating a recommendation is met, generates a recommendation of a new item;

wherein the memory stores user profiles for users of the system, wherein each user profile includes a set of user preferences pertaining to items and wherein the processor, responsive to the user request, updates the user's profile with the implicit rating;

wherein the processor characterizes content of the recorded item using linguistic tools and wherein the processor generates a historical linguistic user profile for each user comprising a list of terms extracted from user recorded items and frequency of occurrence of such extracted terms and wherein the processor generates a current linguistic user profile for each user comprising a list of terms extracted from user recorded items with terms being weighted by a damping coefficient, $e^{-\alpha t}$, where $t = today - timestamp$ of association of the recorded item with the user and α is a damping coefficient.

13. (Canceled).

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14. (Previously Presented) A system for providing item recommendations, comprising:

a memory;

a device, responsive to a user request, for recording an item on a hardcopy medium;

a processor, for storing ratings of items and for generating recommendations for new items based on recommendation criteria;

wherein, responsive to the user request, the processor stores an implicit rating for the requested item in the memory, determines whether, based on the implicit rating and the recommendation criteria, to generate an item recommendation, and if the criteria for generating a recommendation is met, generates a recommendation of a new item;

wherein the memory stores user profiles for users of the system, wherein each user profile includes a set of user preferences pertaining to items and wherein the processor, responsive to the user request, updates the user's profile with the implicit rating;

wherein the processor characterizes content of the recorded item using linguistic tools, wherein the processor generates a linguistic user profile for each user comprising a list of terms extracted from user recorded items and frequency of occurrence of such extracted terms, and wherein the processor determines an overlap between a user's linguistic profile and a recorded item's linguistic content characterization.

15-24 (Canceled).

25. (Previously Presented) A method for generating recommendations, comprising:

providing a user request for recording an item on a hardcopy medium;

storing an implicit rating of the requested item;

determining whether, based on the implicit rating and recommendation criteria, to generate an item recommendation;

if the criteria for generating a recommendation is met, generating a recommendation of a new item;

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storing user profiles for users providing user requests, wherein each user profile includes a set of user preferences pertaining to items and further comprising, updating the requesting user's profile with the implicit rating;

calculating an item similarities rating between two recorded items by calculating a sum of weights of keywords in common divided by a sum of weights of all keywords associated with the two recorded items.

26. (Canceled).

27. (Previously Presented) A method for generating recommendations, comprising:

providing a user request for recording an item on a hardcopy medium;

storing an implicit rating of the requested item;

determining whether, based on the implicit rating and recommendation criteria, to generate an item recommendation;

if the criteria for generating a recommendation is met, generating a recommendation of a new item

storing user profiles for users providing user requests, wherein each user profile includes a set of user preferences pertaining to items and further comprising, updating the requesting user's profile with the implicit rating;

characterizing content of the recorded item using linguistic tools;

generating a historical linguistic user profile for each user comprising a list of terms extracted from user recorded items and frequency of occurrence of such extracted terms; and

generating a current linguistic user profile for each user comprising a list of terms extracted from user recorded items with terms being weighted by a damping coefficient, $e^{-\alpha t}$, where $t = today - timestamp$ of association of the recorded item with the user and α is the damping coefficient.

28. (Canceled).

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29.   (Previously Presented)   A method for generating recommendations, comprising:

providing a user request for recording an item on a hardcopy medium;

storing an implicit rating of the requested item;

determining whether, based on the implicit rating and recommendation criteria, to generate an item recommendation;

if the criteria for generating a recommendation is met, generating a recommendation of a new item:

storing user profiles for users providing user requests, wherein each user profile includes a set of user preferences pertaining to items and further comprising, updating the requesting user's profile with the implicit rating;

characterizing content of the recorded item using linguistic tools;

generating a linguistic user profile for each user comprising a list of terms extracted from user recorded items and frequency of occurrence of such extracted terms; and

determining an overlap between a user's linguistic profile and a recorded item's linguistic content characterization.

30.   (Cancelled).

31.   (Cancelled).

32.   (Cancelled).

33.   (Cancelled).

34.   (Cancelled).

35.   (Cancelled).

36.   (Cancelled).

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